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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

21. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being that is substantially free of animal products and comprising a yeast extract, said composition further comprising Clostridium difficile.

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, wherein said medium further comprises||ing||| a compound ~~derived~~ from a vegetable.

23-24. Canceled.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 21, further comprising an iron source.

26. (New) The composition of claim 22, wherein said compound is a vegetable peptone.

27. (New) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being free of animal products and comprising a soy product, said composition further comprising Clostridium difficile.

28. (New) The composition of claim 27, wherein said soy product is a hydrolyzed soy product.

29. (New) The composition of claim 27, wherein said soy product is a soy peptone.

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30. (New) The composition of claim 27, further comprising an iron source.

31. (New) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being free of animal products and comprising sodium thioglycolate, said composition further comprising *Clostridium difficile*.

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein said medium further comprises a vegetable product.

33. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein said vegetable product is a vegetable peptone.

34. (New) The composition of claim 31, further comprising an iron source.